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**Re: Response to APRA Request**

Dear Mr. Hermann:

In response to your Access to Public Records Act request dated October 9, 2019, in which you request "policies, procedures and/or documents pertaining to indexing for FamilySearch, otherwise known as Intellectual Reserve, Inc., or FamilySearch International, a genealogical non-profit operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) by inmates within facilities run by the Rhode Island Department of Corrections. This includes any documents regarding Family History Centers operated within such facilities, and any documents referenced LDS Correctional Services, a Division of LDS. Examples of such documents include contracts between the Rhode Island Department of Corrections and FamilySearch, often called "Memorandum of Understanding", with an attachment describing FamilySearch's assistance."

Please be advised that the Rhode Island Department of Corrections has no documents responsive to your request.

In accordance with Rhode Island General Laws §38-2-8, if you are dissatisfied with this response you may wish to file a complaint with the Department of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 or the Rhode Island Superior Court of Providence County. Additional information concerning the Access to Public Records Act is available through the Attorney General's website at [www.riag.ri.gov](http://www.riag.ri.gov).

Sincerely,

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